

# COMMUNITY FORUM

## Volunteers Needed

The Portland Police Bureau's Sexual Assault Prevention Program is accepting applications during the month of December from individuals interested in Teaching "Women-strength" Self-Defense and in providing public education on sexual assault prevention strategies. All positions are non-paid.

Applicants must be sensitive, articulate, willing to learn, and committed to helping others develop personal power and skills that can help them prevent sexual violence in their lives. Individuals who are accepted into the training program are required to commit themselves to a minimum of six months and are asked to work an average of 10-12 hours per month. Attendance at a monthly staff meeting/in-service is part of this commitment.

The annual training will be held in February and March 1989. Applications and more information are available from the Sexual Assault Prevention Program at 796-3139.

The Portland Police Bureau's Sexual Assault Prevention Program

will offer its monthly "womenstrength" self-defense classes in January at the following locations:

NE - Tuesdays: January 3, 10, & 17, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Maranatha Church, 1222 N.E. Skidmore, Wendall Wallace Meeting Room; N.W. - Thursdays: January 5, 12, & 19, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., metropolitan Learning Center, 2033 N.W. Glisan, Gymnasium; A 3-Hour Refresher Class: Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Justice Center, 1111 S.W. 2nd, Auditorium. (This is a 3-hour, physical skills only class for women who have completed the full 9 hour class within the past two years.)

Registration begins Tuesday, December 20, and continues until classes are full with 50 students each. Classes fill quickly! To register, phone 796-3139 beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 20.

The classes are free and are offered to teenage and adult women. Assertiveness and awareness are emphasized, and streetfighting skills are taught.

## O.A.M.E. To Meet

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, O.A.M.E. Center will hold its next 'Coffee & Issues' Forum on Friday, Dec. 16, 1988. It will begin at 7:00 a.m. and end networking between 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

The forums are being held to maintain communication between Ethnic Minority Businesses in Oregon. They are usually held the 2nd and 4th Friday morning of each month as needed. However the November & December meetings have been scheduled with the holidays in consideration.

This "Coffee & Issues" will focus on Business Opportunities from general services, state of Oregon, and plan of action as a result of Judge Redden's decision.

The forum will be held at the Lloyd Tower Building, 12th floor; conference rooms A & B. Visitor parking will be available.

## Undeliver Tax Refunds Waiting To Be Claimed

Over \$18,000 in unclaimed federal income tax refunds are waiting for their proper owners to file claims for them, according to Carolyn Leonard, Internal Revenue Service District Director for Oregon. Leonard explained that most of these refunds are going unclaimed for lack of a current address.

The Portland District IRS office has received names of nearly 500 persons who filed refund due federal income tax returns from Oregon. The original refund checks were mailed to the home address listed on the tax form but were returned to the government as undeliverable by the Post Office.

Leonard said many checks remain undelivered because taxpayers have moved and failed to leave a forwarding address with the Post Office. Other refund delays, according to Leonard, are caused by errors and omissions on the tax return, or illegible names or addresses.

Taxpayers should call the IRS toll-free tax information number (1-800-424-1040) for instructions on how to apply for their checks. Information needed includes: name and address as shown on the tax return, present name and address, tax year for which the refund is believed due, social security number, amount of refund claimed, signature of taxpayer, and any other pertinent information to verify the claim.

## Non-Profit Groups Reject Albina Service Contract

We are announcing that none of our non-profit groups will contract with the State to replace services currently performed at Albina Human Resources Center (A.H.R.C.).

On November 18, 1988, the Legislative Emergency Board approved a recommendation from the Director of the Department of Human Resources eliminating seven staff positions at Albina Human Resources Center. In a meeting at Albina Human Resources Center on November 30, 1988, Department of Human Resources Director, Kevin Concannon, reported that services for low-income families would be contracted out to non-profit groups in Northeast Portland, with requests for proposals going to Albina Ministerial Alliance, Black United Fund, St. Vincent dePaul and the Urban League of Portland.

The terms of the contract proposed by Department of Human Resources do not allow for the staffing necessary for responsible distribution of public and private resources to those in need. Department of Human Resources plan for the continuation of services cannot begin to cover what will be lost by the elimination of the Center Administration staff.

We urge Governor Goldschmidt and Department of Human Resources Director Kevin Concannon to rescind the layoffs of vital Albina Human Resources Center staff and to strengthen the center for more effective service to those in need.

## BUSINESS IN FOCUS



Terry Dixon is the founder and Executive Director of the Portland based Computer Software Consulting firm "Data Processing Resources, Inc."

Terry is a native Oregonian. He graduated from Lincoln High, and furthered his education in Michigan where he earned an Associate Degree in Business Management at Parsons Business College. Upon returning to Portland, he began his career as an accountant while attending night classes at the Computer Career Institute where he earned a certificate in Business Data Processing and Computer Software Development.

In 1978 Terry ended his accounting career and entered the computer services profession. In the last ten years he has established himself as an active and respected member of Portland's data processing community.

Terry describes the operation of his three year old Data Processing firm, which currently employs 14 Computer Software Consultants, as "Simply put, we custom develop computer software for our clients in much the same way that a tailor custom tailors a suit. Most of our clients have such unique requirements of their computer system that they can't simply buy their software off the rack."

He reveals his formula for success as "a combination of hard work and ethical conduct," and he urges youth hoping to build a professional career to "just say no-way to drugs, yes to education and be prepared for plenty of hard work."

Data processing Resources, Inc. is the only Black owned and operated computer software consulting firm in Portland. Terry takes pride in managing an equal opportunity employment firm, but finds it difficult to recruit qualified Black applicants.

Terry's plans for the future include continuing to personally manage Data Processing Resources, Inc. for another 10 years, and then start a Portland based real estate firm.

## Urban League Community Forum

All youth and their families are invited to a community forum sponsored by the Urban League of Portland's Adolescent/Parent Treatment Program.

The forum, entitled "Pass to Success," will be held Friday, December 16, 1988. The forum will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the League's headquarters, 10 North Russell, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Panel members with various areas of expertise will entertain questions from the audience. The goal of the

forum is to provide empowering information to young people and their families.

The forum's panel includes Useni Perkins, Urban League president; Bernie Foster, publisher of the *Skanner Newspaper*; psychologist, Dr. Floyd Jackson; attorney, Monica Little; actor and playwright, Michael Grant; Judge Aaron Brown; Michael Harper, public relations director, Portland Trail Blazers; Bill Newborne, Portland Community College counselor; Dr. Joyce Harris of the Black Educational

Center; and Roy Jay, chief executive officer of Trademark.

The motto for the forum is "Our Youth Can Be Successful." The forum will provide a positive atmosphere for the exchange of ideas and options available to young people as they plan for their future. There is no charge for participation, and refreshments will be served.

For further information, contact Mary Omereife at the Urban League, 280-2600.

### NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

ARBOR LODGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING: Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m., Board; 7:00 p.m., General; Neighbors North Office, 2410 N. Lombard.

BUCKMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., Buckman School Library, 320 S.E. 16th.

EASTMORELAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., Dunlway School, 7700 S.E. Reed College Place.

HOSFORD-ABERNETHY NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT BOARD: Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., Abernethy School, 2421 S.E. Orange.

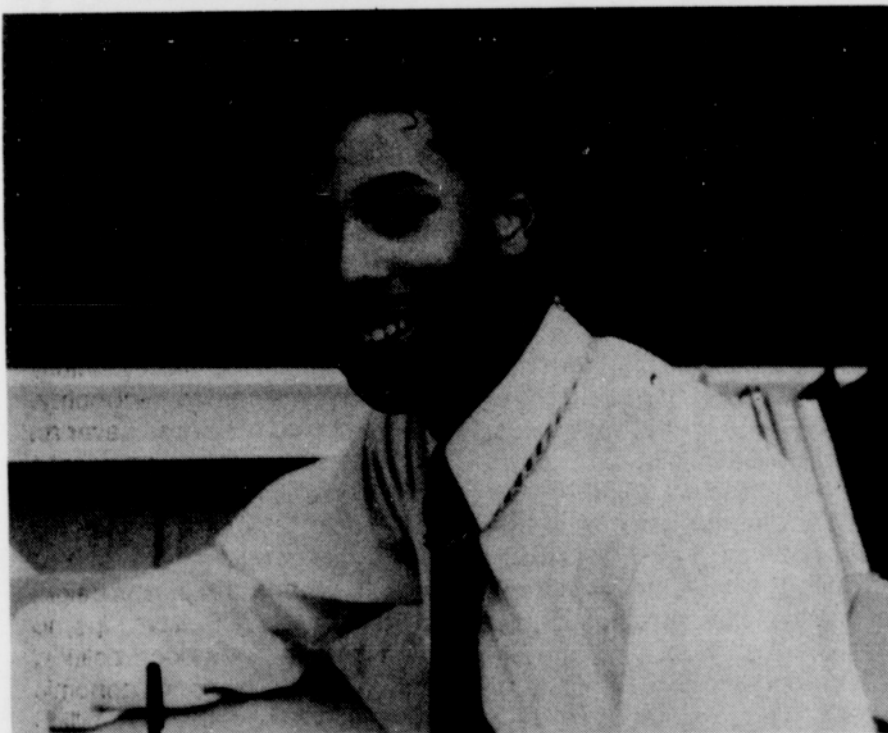
GOOSE HOLLOW FOOTHILLS LEAGUE: Nov. 15, 7:00 p.m., Northwest Service Center, 1819 N.W. Everett.

SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., Sunnyside School, 3421 S.E. Salmon.

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

82ND AVE. BUSINESS ASSOCIATION: Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m., Matterhorn Restaurant, 82nd and Burnside.

## Jefferson Excellence



by LaShonda Hodges and Becky Burleigh

When most people think of Jefferson, they think of the Performing Arts program, but Jefferson's academic program provides the cement for the school. Jefferson students continue to prove that success can happen with determination. Charles Collins, Jefferson's student body president, upholds Jefferson's tradition by strengthening the school and community through his leadership.

"It's fabulous!" was Collins' first impression of Jefferson. After Collins moved here from Detroit he and his family chose Jefferson as the place for Collins to earn his high school diploma. Collins feels Jefferson has the potential to be the best school in Portland because of the diverse ethnic backgrounds represented by its students and the balance between academics, athletics, and the Performing Arts.

Charles also remarked about Jefferson's positive atmosphere. He attributes this to the mixture of the students' backgrounds. He also says the administration is open to the students. There is even a tutor period offered for students who need special help in classes.

Charles' achievements are varied. Besides being student body president, and a member of the school's leadership class, Charles stays involved in community events. He has maintained a 3.17 grade point average. He won an Image Award for good grades. He recently received an Emerald Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha for being an exemplary young Black male and leading role model in the community.

When asked who inspired him, he named the author Langston Hughes, Rev. Jesse Jackson, and Martin Luther King, Jr. They are, as Collins quotes, "poets of their own work." The ones who motivated Collins to work hard are God, his mom, students around him, and his own determination. He feels one teacher, Mr. Brooks, has helped him a lot in Government and Social Studies.

Charles Collins offers the following advice to all young people to help them excel: "Know that you can reach the highest star. Have a feeling inside you which is so strong and so deep that it roars like a never-ending ocean. Never let anyone stop you and simply realize your full potential."

LaShonda and Becky are members of Jefferson's Students for Social Responsibility a Jefferson group concerned with local and world issues.

## 60th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bell Morgan

On Friday, Dec. 23rd, 1988, Brisco and Charlie Bell Morgan, 3604 N. Commercial, will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary--The Diamond Anniversary! They were married on Dec. 23rd, 1928, in Lamar County, Texas. He was 20 and she was 18. They moved to Portland, OR in 1956.

To this blessed union were born 10 children. They are: Ervie Lee Patterson of San Francisco, CA; Rozell Morgan of Los Angeles, CA; Brisco Morgan, Jr. (deceased) of Portland, OR; Margie Burks of Los Angeles, CA; Lillian Brewster of Portland, OR; Helen Hall of Dallas, Texas; Dorothy Perry (deceased) Portland, OR; Gracye Kennedy, Portland, OR; Doris Hunter of Seattle, WA; and Mildred Jamkes of Portland, OR. There are numerous grand and great-grandchildren.

The family will celebrate this glorious occasion with a dinner. For further information and to make reservations please call 249-0844, Mrs. Morgan.